NTPC-RIL gas pact

1961. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has since signed the gas pact with the Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) as reported in the Business Standard dated 20 May, 2009;

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government plans to re-allocate gas to other fuel-deficient power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) in its meeting dated 09.04.2009 had allocated 2.67 MMSCMD of KG D-6 gas, plant-wise, to NTPC's existing Gas based power stations at Anta, Dadri, Faridabad, Kawas and Gandhar, without prejudice to NTPC *vs.* RIL court case relating to gas supplies for Kawas and Gandhar expansion projects. Out of 2.67 MMSCMD, NTPC have signed the necessary Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements (GSPAs) for 0.61 MMSCMD for Anta, Dadri, Faridabad, approved by EGOM except for Kawas and Gandhar. Further, NTPC had requested for distribution of remaining allocation from KG D6 basin to its stations in northern region and redistribution of APM/PMT gas from NCR station of NTPC to its Kawas and Gandhar stations.

(b) As per the EGoM's approved gas price formula in the GSPAs, signed with M/s RIL/M/s Niko for EGoM's allocated 0.61 MMSCMD of KG D6 gas, the gas price works out to US $4.205/ MMBtu (on NCV basis) at a crude oil price cap of US $ 60/Barrel at landfall point, *i.e.* Kakinada. The duration of the GSPAs is till 31st March, 2014.

(c) While agreeing to NTPC's request of swapping, EGoM in its meeting dated 27.10.2009 has decided that 2.71 mmscmd of APM/PMT gas should be diverted from NTPC's plants in the Northern part of the country to Kawas and Gandhar, and an additional quantity of 2.71 mmscmd KG D-6 gas should be supplied on firm basis to NTPC's plants in Northern part of the country. Hence the question of reallocation of gas to other plants does not arise at this stage.

Emergency provision to curb power shortage

1962. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power sector investors are jittery over increasing trade bans and States using emergency provision to usurp power plug shortages as reported in the Business Standard dated 25 May, 2009;